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## DOING A NOBLE WORK

Virginia War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association Entitled to Hearty Support.

Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, whose only son was killed in action, is warmly praising the service rendered by the war work council of the Young Men's Christian Association on a vaudeville tour of the United States which he has just begun.

"No one can tell what the Y. M. C. A. means to the boys in the trenches and to them when they come to the rear for rest," he declared, "and I shall while in the United States, devote every minute I can spare to telling the people to back up these secretaries who are bringing comfort and solace and friendliness and help to the men who are fighting for the safety of the world. The British and American Y. M. C. A.'s I believe, are binding the English speaking people into an indissoluble unit. When the United States left the hold home back there, it was only a family broil and might have been ended, but then the Hun came in, and now they are standing together resisting the Hun, these two great brothers, and, please God, the family never shall be disrupted again."

T. M. Carrington, chairman of the Virginia war work council of the Y. M. C. A., is daily receiving enthusiastic reports from all parts of the state regarding the preparations that are being made for the campaign for funds to extend the war work. The campaign will open Nov. 11, and will continue until Nov. 19th. Virginia is expected to raise \$400,000 of the \$35,000,000 which will be contributed by the United States.

The bureau of physical work of the Y. M. C. A. is charged with helping secure physical directors for the camps and with developing an adequate program of recreation for the enlisted men. Each association building and tent is equipped with a comprehensive athletic equipment. The activities include baseball, basketball, volleyball, quoits, boxing, wrestling and athletic meets.

In one camp volleyball games were successfully substituted for dice games which had begun to appear. In three camps all men were detailed to report to the physical director for swimming instruction. In another camp all commissioned officers were organized into an athletic officers' school instructed by physical directors.

One map at each Y. M. C. A. specializes on physical activities, working always in complete harmony with the military authorities. These recreational features have undoubtedly added tremendously to the contentment and morale of the men and have helped greatly in their physical conditioning. This bureau also co-operates with the temperance committee of the federal council of churches in carrying out a sane, comprehensive and vigorous program of temperance education.

The bureau of education is responsible for lectures, practical talks, entertainments, libraries, motion pictures, clubs, classes and courses in French and other subjects, and information bureaus. Secretaries emphasize the value of educational activities in every army and navy association. Books and magazines are given by local and state libraries.

### Alexandria Committee.

The work in Alexandria will be in charge of the following named gentlemen, who have been appointed by the State officials: Judge J. K. M. Norton, chairman and treasurer; Judge Louis C. Barley, Harry Hammond, H. Noel Garner, Arthur H. Bryant, Dr. Hugh McGuire, Edwin B. Hard, Howard W. Smith, Worth Hulsish and Dr. C. E. Outcalt.

The Shawnees, the Lynchburg artillery company, who were in training on Long Island until October 24, when they boarded a transport, have arrived safely in France with all well. A cablegram to this effect from Captain F. B. Varney, of the Shawnees, was received by his wife.

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## WHAT HOPE HAVE YOU?

Practical Sermon Delivered by the Rev. E. V. Regester Last Night—Some Personal Questions.

In his sermon at the Methodist Episcopal Church South last night the Rev. E. V. Regester made an earnest plea to members of churches as well as to those unsaved. In the course of his sermon he said substantially:

Some of you who were converted at Gypsy Smith's revival have not done a thing since but sing "Blessed Land." You and I want to be able to sing "O. Happy Day, when Jesus Washed my Sins Away." Keep your religious experience up to date. Some of you have left your church letters back in some old forgotten church register, and others have kept putting off accepting Christ as their Saviour. How can you expect to see the loved ones in heaven when you are among the unconverted? There is an open, unsettled account with God for such ones. What hope have you of being saved, unless you obey God?

Some Christians may be likened to a pitcher of water that someone is carrying and the contents of the pitcher are leaking out without their knowledge. This represents the members of the church who sit at ease. This self satisfaction is a menace to your soul. The very religion you boast is leaking out. Some day you will awake and find you have lost your hold on God, and have drifted away. Some of us were converted twenty years ago and some one year ago, and haven't taken an inventory of our Christian religion since.

Have you ever pictured the agony that Christ suffered to save you? Do you understand what a wonderful Saviour He is? Jesus Christ loved you so much that He went through the pit for your sins! It took the utmost of the Divine to save you. Do not take my statement. Let God have a chance. Boys and girls, don't wait. Make the decision now.

### TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Pictures to be shown at the Richmond and Surprise Theaters This Evening.

Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, the young stars who have appeared together in many of the best known Paramount pictures of recent date, such as "Seventeen," "Great Expectations," "Freckles," and "The Vamp," are now being seen in their latest production, "Jack and Jill," which is to be screened at the Richmond Theatre tonight.

This is not a child's play, although the kiddies will love it. It is one of the wholesomest, cheeriest little comedy dramas for grown-ups in which the two have worked—which is saying a great deal.

At the Surprise Violet Mersereau will be seen in "The Boy Girl," a picture of love sacrifice and adventure. Don't begrudge the few cents you pay in war taxes when you go to the movies. Every cent of this money goes to Uncle Sam to help win the war.

Many motion picture and theater patrons are under the impression that the theaters and other places of amusement must pay a gross tax, and that they are assessing this tax on the patrons, taking a margin for themselves on the higher-priced seats.

Such is not the case. The war revenue act expressly provides that a tax of 10 per cent must be paid on the value of every seat or admission to a place of amusement. The tax applies whether seats or admissions are sold or given away.

One motion picture patron complained that the management received the odd half pennies when a 2-cent tax is applied on a 15-cent seat and a 3-cent tax on a 25-cent seat. The tax is payable on each ticket and the Government, not the theater management, gets the half cent.

Denver, Nov. 7.—While hundreds of noonday shoppers were passing an unmasked man yesterday entered the loan office of Mr. Cooper, Seventeenth street, near Curtis, forced him to open the safe, took jewels valued at \$4,000, marched Cooper across a crowded sidewalk into a motorcar driven by a confederate and drove off with Cooper and the loot. Cooper was taken to a remote section of the city where he was thrown from the car.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Word has been received from William J. Greenan that he has arrived safely in France. Mr. Greenan's wife resides at 904 Prince street, this city. He is connected with the administrative department of the Adjutant general's office U. S. A., and sailed from this country recently.

Thomas S. Hunter and Clyde E. Mason, two of the drafted men who went to Camp Lee at Petersburg, with the company sent from this city last week, Thursday, returned here today, both having been exempted from service through failure to pass the necessary examination at camp.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Rosemont branch of the American Red Cross was held yesterday. During the session it was decided to change the work hours of Thursday from the morning to the afternoon; to ask a monthly due of 25 cents from each member; to organize a membership drive in co-operation with the one decided upon by the Alexandria chapter. The following chairmen of committees were elected: Home Service—Mrs. Frank Warwick; Cutting, Mrs. H. C. Linn; Purchasing, Mrs. Frank Warwick; Delivery, Mrs. C. E. Darh. Mrs. Richard Acton was elected to the executive committee and Merdames Edgar Warfield and Harry Burke were appointed on the ways and means committee.

## PASS EXAMINATIONS

Captain Johnson and Others Pronounced Efficient For Service Abroad—Conditions at Camp McClellan.

Capt. Johnson and some of the other captains of the 54th depot brigade have successfully passed examinations for service abroad and are awaiting orders for a port of embarkation. It is not known yet who is to go, or when or where.

The distances are so great in the camp that it is hard to get around, and therefore, it is not easy to run in to many persons that one knows. The reservation includes 20,000 acres or about 20 times as large as Alexandria.

There are now there thirty-seven thousand men in the 29th Division (the Blue and Gray Division as it is called) including one company of negroes from Maryland and two thousand draft men from New Jersey. There is more or less sickness in the form of mumps and measles in the 116th Infantry (formerly 1st and 2d Va.) Company A is still in quarantine. D company is quarantined with mumps and another company is in with measles. It is bitter cold at night, and every morning there is about two inches of ice on the water buckets. The tents are good and are lighted by electricity, and each one has an oil stove that makes it comfortable. The objectionable thing is revile at 5:45 a. m.

### MAKE WOMEN FACE FIRE.

Belgians Driven Like Slaves by German Captors to Where Shells Continually Fall.

British Front in Belgium, Nov. 7.—Belgian women and girls are being compelled to build concrete dugouts under artillery fire. The statement that this form of slavery actually has been practiced is recorded in the diary of a German soldier who recently was captured. He belonged to a landwehr division and was personally in charge of a large number of these unfortunate Belgians, who were daily herded together and taken to a zone near the German lines to perform manual labor of the hardest kind, in constant danger of death.

Supper for Benefit of Hospital. At the oyster supper to be held at the Westminster building on Friday evening, Nov. 9th, under the auspices of the Board of Managers of the Alexandria Hospital, there will be, in addition to a good supper, good home-made cakes, pies and many pretty fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. L. Wilber Reid, Chairman Committee.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Massie L. Simpson, of Alexandria, and Lena M. Embry, of Brandy, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Scrivener announce the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Mr. Louis E. DeMollen, in Washington, D. C., on Monday, Nov. 5th. The Rev. G. I. Humphrey of the Rhode Island M. P. Church officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lee Emerson of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of this city, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Virginia, to Captain Edward H. Hicks, First Battery, Sixth Field Artillery, Fort Myer, Virginia. The ceremony was performed on November 3rd in Christ Church rectory this city by Rev. William J. Morton.

Those interested in adding to the Christmas cheer of the Italian soldiers at the front are cordially invited to contribute to a purse which is being gotten up for that purpose. The money contributed will be sent to Signorita Tucenel, of Rome, Italy, who will be remembered as Miss Kate Smoot, of this city, who will see that suitable and needed gifts are purchased and sent to the brave Italian boys who are fighting amid incredible hardships with a courage only equalled by our Southern soldiers in '61 and '64. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. W. Frazier Baldwin, 211 North Washington street, Miss Katherine Stuart, 719 King street, or Mrs. Virginia V. Smoot, 120 South Fairfax street.

### VICIOUS NEGRO CAUGHT.

Prisoner Fights Policeman on Way From Washington to This City.

During the progress of a dance at the colored Odd Fellows' Hall on South Columbus street on Halloween Night a fight occurred between some of the male attendants. Policemen entered the place and made several arrests, but the most guilty of the party, Ernest Lloyd, alias "Mud" Grooms, who has on other occasions given the police trouble, managed to make his escape after rushing out of the hall into the street and throwing rocks at the conservators of the peace. One of the negroes attempted to pull one of the officer's sticks from him, and he was fined \$5 for this act next morning.

Grooms, after the difficulty, proceeded to Washington, where he was located yesterday. Officer William Campbell went after him, and while on an electric train on the way to this city the negro became defiant and would have assaulted the officer had not the latter used the butt of his pistol upon him.

Grooms will be made to face the Police Court tomorrow morning to answer charges of assaults on an officer.

### CAUSE FOR THANKS.

Plenty of Turkeys at Reasonable Price, Says Hoover.

Washington, Nov. 7.—A plentiful supply of Thanksgiving turkeys at reasonable prices was promised the American people yesterday by the Food Administration. Stocks on hand in cold storage houses are large and the Food Administration will require their sale under provisions of the Food Control Act which prevent hoarding.

"With a larger volume of the product going on the market for sale," it was announced, "consumers may soon look for an abundant supply at reasonable prices."

### NEW PEACE MOVE RUMORED.

Berlin Reported to Plan Conference in Bern.

London, Nov. 7.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company cables that wild peace rumors were current on the Bourse there Monday, it being reported that the Central Powers would make offers of peace before December in the shape of a proposal for a preparatory conference at Bern.

According to these rumors, each belligerent will be asked to send two delegates, Germany selecting Prince Von Buelow, former Chancellor, and Dr. Karl Helfferich, Vice-Chancellor.

Mrs. Helen N. Cummings of this city will leave tomorrow for Annapolis, Md., where she will speak before the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss Jennie L. Clements who recently came here from Jacksonville, Florida, will make her home with her brother, W. W. Clements, at Mt. Ida.

The preparations for the Catholic bazaar are well under way. The various booths are being constructed and each of the committees are industriously engaged in an effort to make it a success.

Each and every member of J. R. N. Curtin Memorial Baraca class of the First Baptist church is urgently requested to be present at 9:30 next Sunday morning. A good speaker will be present to speak on "Christian Citizenship." All are asked to invite a friend.

Although Charlotte Hall cancelled the game with Alexandria High, Monday morning, they were fortunate enough to arrange an interesting game with Gonzaga College which ended 9 to 0. The game was highly interesting all the way. Alexandria having sent Remington behind the goal with a forward pass only to be called back for off-side play, and again Captain Drefus ran the ball to the two-goal line but could not get across. Rowen did most of the gaining for the local team and it was one of the most thrilling games seen on the local field.

## BRITISH CAPTURE TOWN

Hindenburg Had Issued an Order That Place Must be Held at all Hazards.

London, Nov. 7.—The town of Passchendaele, lying northeast of Ypres, has been captured by British forces, according to the official communication issued last night.

British Front in Belgium, Nov. 7.—The Canadians, in today's drive against the German lines, advanced about 800 yards beyond the centre of Passchendaele, having battled their way to their final marks. A considerable number of prisoners already have reached the cages.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg recently issued an order that Passchendaele must be held at all hazards and that if it were lost it must be retaken irrespective of cost so the battle bids fair to be most sanguinary.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The French broke into the German lines at several points Monday night and took prisoners, the War Office announces. A German attack near Camille, on the Champagne front, was repulsed.

Petrograd, Nov. 7.—The attack recently begun by the Russian troops on the Caucasus front is being continued vigorously and further successes are reported by the War Office. The statement follows: "We ejected the Turks from their trenches and pressed them back in the direction of Kozak. In the Tehovian region in the Orghet sector our scouts overcame Turkish advanced posts."

### STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE.

Alexandria Lady Knocked Down by Machine in Charge of Young Women in Washington.

A lady who resides in the southeastern section of Alexandria had a thrilling experience while on a visit to Washington yesterday. As she was endeavoring to avoid vehicles in crossing a street car which was filled with young women whizzed by, knocking the lady down. The car kept on, and it is said that one of the occupants remarked, "She should have kept out of the way."

The victim of the collision was picked up and hurried to a hospital where it was found that she had sustained no serious injury, but was suffering from bruises and excitement.

The authorities of Washington have of late been taking drastic measures against careless or irresponsible drivers of automobiles, but it seems that some of the female persuasion need especial espionage.

## DAVIS HAS A WALKOVER RESULT IN THE CITY

Republicans Yield at Least Three Seats in House of Delegates to Democrats.

Rather meager and yet widely scattered and therefore representative returns from yesterday's election indicate a complete failure on the part of the Republicans to interest the voters of Virginia in their recent campaign for State offices. Westmoreland Davis and his running mates on the Democratic ticket are elected by increased majorities, while the Republicans have lost at least three seats in the House of Delegates, held by them in the last Legislature, to opposing Democrats. The vote was light, and returns have been difficult to obtain because the result was a foregone conclusion.

State officers for the next four years will be as follows:

Governor—Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun.

Lieutenant-Governor—B. F. Buchanan, of Smyth.

Attorney-General—John R. Saunders, of Middlesex.

Secretary of the Commonwealth—B. O. James, of Richmond.

State Treasurer—Charles A. Johnston, of Montgomery.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Harris Hart, of Roanoke.

Commissioner of Agriculture—Geo. W. Koener, of Richmond.

\* Indications are that the Democratic majority over Republican nominees will be not less than 30,000, and may easily be greater. In the eastern part of the State the Republican vote is much smaller than usual, a mere handful having been polled in the cities. Even in the Republican counties in the Fifth and Ninth Districts the usual Republican vote is greatly reduced. The seventeen seats held by the minority party in the General Assembly of Virginia is certainly reduced to fourteen, and may be fewer when three more contested districts are heard from.

Appeals were made by Democratic speakers to the voters to demonstrate by their vote in yesterday's election their confidence in the Democratic administration in national affairs in the existing crisis, and while the vote was light because the voters knew the Democrats would win, it is very evident there is no disapproval of the national administration and its policies. Nor is there the least indication of lack of confidence in Democratic control of State affairs. The Republican candidates and speakers made no apparent impression.

### TRIBUTE TO A WORTHY MAN.

Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist Church South and its Noble Teacher.

Charles D. Bullard writing in the "Adult Student," pays the following worthy tribute to the late Henry K. Field, of Alexandria:

In September, 1906, the pastor of Washington Street Church, Alexandria, Va., organized a class for men with the motto, "Win One." Starting with two young men, the membership was increased to fifty. The sessions were held in the church auditorium until the erection of the young people's building with ample classrooms.

In March, 1910, Dr. H. M. Carter succeeded the writer as pastor and teacher. Later Mr. Henry Knox Field became teacher of this class. He was an active business man, a city official, a trustee of the church, president of the board of stewards, leader of the choir, and a member of all important committees. He faithfully attended the Sunday services and prayer meeting. He organized and led chorus choirs during revivals services.

Brother Field was a man of sympathetic character—humble, gentle, magnanimous, tactful, genial, and amiable. He was affectionate in the home, loyal in friendship, honorable in business, and consecrated and untiring in Christian work.

February 15, 1917, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Tuesday afternoon, July 31, wearied with many tasks, he stepped out of his tent into his mansion. We loved him in his family. We shall miss him in that sweet and blessed country.

### Notice.

Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection No. 7 will hold its regular meeting, Friday, Nov. 9, 1917, at 7:30. All members and visitors are invited to be present. Immediately after the close of the lodge, Randolph Chapter No. 3, Knights Rose Croix, will confer the fifteenth degree.

Only About One-Third of Alexandria's Vote Brought Out in the General Yesterday.

As had been anticipated, the vote in Alexandria yesterday was far below what it should have been, nearly two-thirds of the suffragans having failed to deposit their ballots. Westmoreland Davis, democratic candidate for Governor, received 582 votes, and his competitor, Muncy, who had been nominated by the republicans, 26. All the nominees for other state offices received the bulk of the votes cast.

W. Albert Smoot, of this city, Democratic nominee for the House of Delegates to represent this city, and Alexandria County, was elected without opposition.

The following city officials were also elected without opposition: Thomas W. Robinson, city treasurer; P. F. German, city tax collector; E. F. Price, city auditor; John B. Waller, clerk of war; Charles H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue; S. G. Brent, Commonwealth's attorney; H. Noel Garner, corporation attorney; R. H. Cox, city sergeant; Charles Swin, inspector of boats; Carter H. Smith, inspector of wood. All will serve for a term of four years.

The election was one of the quietest ever held in this city.

Vote by wards follows:—First—Davis, 123; Muncy, 11; Buchanan, 117; Davis, 12; Saunders, 115; Wolcott, 16; James, 118; Reid, 11; Johnston, 113; McLaughlin, 14; Hart, 117; Ruebush, 12; Koener, 115; Bowman, 12.

Second—Davis, 122; Muncy, 5; Smith, 1; Buchanan, 12; Davis, 5; Crawford, 3; Muller, 1; Saunders, 168; Wolcott, 6; James, 104; Reid, 7; Johnston, 34; McLaughlin, 13; Hart, 100; Ruebush, 5; Koener, 98; Bowman, 8.

Third—Davis, 125; Muncy, 8; Smith, 1; Buchanan, 122; Davis, 10; Crawford, 4; Muller, 1; Saunders, 132; Wolcott, 12; James, 135; Reid, 12; Johnston, 124; McLaughlin, 16; Hart, 120; Ruebush, 6; Koener, 137; Bowman, 7.

Fourth—Davis, 202; Muncy, 2; Smith, 4; Buchanan, 193; Davis, 8; Saunders, 192; Davis, 8; Saunders, 192; Wolcott, 10; James, 185; Reid, 6; Johnston, 183; Reid, 6; McLaughlin, 6; Hart, 195; Ruebush, 6; Koener, 180; Bowman, 5.

### SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Major Wm. N. Smith, of Alexandria, Elected Vice President.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 7.—The annual meeting of the Association of Veteran Officers of the Third Virginia Infantry, United States Volunteers, in the war with Spain, was held here Monday and Monday night. The visitors were guests of Capt. M. B. Rowe, who was captain of the Fredericksburg company, at Brompton, on St. Mary's Heights, and were given an automobile ride over the battle fields around Fredericksburg and those at Chancellorsville and Spotsylvania Courthouse.

The following officers were elected at the night meeting: Col. Thomas S. Keller, Charlottesville, president; Major William N. Smith, Alexandria, vice president; Major Joseph LeMasurier, Richmond, secretary and treasurer. The reunion closed with the annual banquet. Colonel Keller, president of the association, was toastmaster. State Senator C. O'Connor of Goodrick and Capt. M. B. Rowe spoke. Richmond was selected as the meeting place next year.

### RAIL TRAGEDY MYSTERY

Shots Heard, Forms Flee and Then Engine Decapitates Man.

Pittston, Pa., Nov. 7.—County Detectives Connolly and McCabe, assisted by State police, are investigating the killing of Harry Holston, aged 25, whose home is in Cincinnati, and who was decapitated by a Lehigh Valley engine near here Sunday night.

Engineer James Nicholson, of West Pittston, heard four shots fired, saw several men run away, and then noticed the body lying on the rail, too late to stop his engine.

Three companions of the victim were arrested and sent to the county jail. An empty revolver and 50 loaded cartridges were later found near the spot. The victim was employed on a railroad repair gang.

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